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In re Patent Application of

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For: COMPOSITE PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PIGMENT, PAINT AND RESIN COMPOSITION USING THE SAME

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February 3, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due December 7, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$450 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 7, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.